Development of Tourism in Uttar Pradesh

10. SHRI PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take some suitable steps for the promotion of tourism in Uttar Pradesh during the current year and onwards; and

(b) if so, what is the amount allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Central Department of Tourism has earmarked an amount of Rs. 138.05 lakhs for tourism development in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year. For the year 1993-94 project worth Rs. 340.00 lakhs have been prioritised for Central assistance.

Development of Malpe and Maravanthe beach resorts

11. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that by commissioning of the Konkan rail link in its first phase, the scope for development of tourist resorts on the Karnataka coastal areas has increased tremendously;

(b) if so, whether in this context Government would consider the development of Malpe and Maravanthe beach resorts which can attract the overseas tourists and act as a counter-magnet to Goa resorts now threatened with overcrowding and environmental problem; and

(c) whether Government would also consider in this context the upgradation of Bangalore Airport to handle international tourist traffic serving a vast hinterland of wild life and beach resorts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of beach resorts is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, at the request of the State Government of Karnataka, the Central Department of Tourism has agreed to extend financial assistance for a project at Maravanthe. The State Government of Karnataka has not fielded the detailed proposals along with estimates, so far.

(c) The existing Airport at Bangalore which belongs to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, is suitable for operation of wide bodied aircraft upto AB 300. There exists an international block for handling international flights.

Pending demands of staff unions of Indian Airlines

12. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demands of the staff unions of the Indian Airlines have been pending with the Central Government since 1990; and

(b) if so, what are the demands which are yet to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b The Central Government has constituted a National Industrial Tribunal at Bombay to decide the questions of relativity in wage structure among different categories of employees in Indian Airlines as also the question of parity between corresponding categories of employees in Indian Airlines and Air India. The Tribunal has also been entrusted the task of determination of wages and allowances for all categories of employees in these two organisations for a period of five years w.e.f. 1st September, 1990.